

ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



1969

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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September, 1970.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Rural District Council of
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the Report of the Medical Officer of Health concerning the sanitary circumstances, sanitary administration and vital statistics of the district for the year 1969. This has been prepared, so far as possible, according to the lines indicated in Circular 1/70, dated 1st January, 1970, from the Department of Health and Social Security.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the help received from the members of the staff of the Public Health department, and to record my appreciation of the courtesy and consideration shown to me by all the members of your staff with whom I have had contact and, not least, by all the members of the Council.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient servant,

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Statistics and Social Conditions.

Acree (in acres).	28,169
Resident Population (R.G.'s estimate).	13,940
Number of occupied dwellings.	5,126
Number of occupied Council houses.	1,354
Rateable value, (1st April, 1969).	£ 465,517
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£ 1,937

VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>1969.</u>	<u>England & Wales 1969</u> <u>(Prov:)</u>	<u>Ashby R.D.C.</u> <u>1968.</u>
Legitimate.	122	112	234			
Illegitimate.	2	1	3			
	<u>124</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>237</u>			196
Crude Live Birth rate per 1,000 population.				17	16.3	14.3
Area Comparability Factor.				1.03	1.00	1.02
Adjusted Live Birth rate per 1,000 population.				17.5	16.3	14.5
Ratio of local Adjusted Birth rate to National rate.				1.07	1.00	.86
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births.				1	8	2.00
<u>Still Births.</u>						
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>			
Legitimate.	2	2	4			
Illegitimate.	-	-	-			
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	4		6
Still Birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births.				17	13	29.7

Total Live and Still Births.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>1969.</u>	<u>England & Wales 1969</u> <u>(Prov:)</u>	<u>Ashby</u> <u>R.D.C.</u> <u>1968</u>
Legitimate.	124	114	238			
Illegitimate.	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>			
	<u>126</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>241</u>	241		202

Deaths of Infants (under one year).

Legitimate.	2	1	3			
Illegitimate.	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>			
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	3		2

Infant Mortality Rates.

Deaths under 1 yr. per 1,000 live births.	13	18	10
Legitimate infant deaths under 1 yr. per 1,000 legitimate live births.	13	17	10.4
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births.	-	25	-

Deaths of Infants (under 4 weeks of age).

Legitimate.	1	-	1			
Illegitimate.	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>			
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	1		2

Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births).

4	12	10
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Deaths of Infants (under 1 week of age).

Legitimate.	1	-	1			
Illegitimate.	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>			
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	1		2

Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)

4	10	10
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Peri-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week and still births combined per 1,000 total live and still births).

21	23	40
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	<u>1969.</u>	<u>England & Wales, 1969, (Prov:)</u>	<u>Ashby R.D.C. 1968.</u>
<u>Maternal Mortality (including abortion).</u>			
Number of deaths.	0		0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births.	0	.24	0
<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>M.</u> 110	<u>F.</u> 76	<u>Total.</u> 186
	186		157
Crude death rate per 1,000 population.	13.3	11.9	11.5
Area Comparability Factor.	1.07	1.00	1.07
Adjusted death rate per 1,000 population.	14.2	11.9	12.3
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate.	1.20	1.00	1.03

Births.

The birth rate at 17.5 is higher than that for the country as a whole, (16.3), and substantially higher than for 1968, (14.5). About one fifth of the births registered took place at home within the District.

Deaths.

The death rate, (14.2), is, unfortunately, higher than that for England and Wales, (11.9), and compares unfavourably with that for 1968, (12.3). About one half of the deaths occurred outside the District. 64 of the deaths were of persons between 65 and 74 years, and 70 were of persons over 75 years.

Infantile Mortality.

Three deaths occurred of infants under 1 year old, compared with two last year, but the infantile mortality rate was much below that for the rest of the country. The three deaths all occurred outside the District, and one was of an infant under 1 week. Causes of death were :

Pneumonia	:	1
Gastro-Enteritis	:	1
Upper Respiratory infection	:	1

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE.

Causes of Death.	S E X	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS.									
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over	
Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases.	M	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tuberculosis, Respiratory.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Streptococcal Sore Throat, Scarlet Fever.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	1	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hypertensive Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	9	9	
	F	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	7	
Other forms of Heart Disease	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	9	6	
	F	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	7	12	
Other diseases of Circulatory System	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Pneumonia	M	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	
	F	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	
Bronchitis & Emphysema	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Other diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Peptic Ulcer	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Nephritis & Nephrosis	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Other diseases, Genito- Urinary System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	1	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
All other Accidents	M	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
All other External Causes	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	110	1	1	1	-	2	-	2	6	21	41	35	
	F	76	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	4	11	23	35	

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER,
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious Diseases during 1969.

65 cases of infectious disease were notified during the year, as below :

Age.	Measles.		Scarlet Fever.		Whooping Cough.		Dysentery.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year.	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 2	1	5	-	-	-	1	-	-
2 to 3	5	4	-	-	-	1	-	-
3 to 4	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 to 5	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 9	6	4	1	2	-	-	-	-
10 to 14	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
15 to 24	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
25 and over.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	22	24	4	2	-	3	1	-
Total - both sexes.	46		6		3		1	

Age	Infective Jaundice		Tuberculosis.					
			Respiratory		Meninges & C.N.S.		Other	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 2 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 4 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 years.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
10 - 14 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 years.	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 years.	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 years.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - 74 years.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Over 75 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	3	2	2	1	-	-	-	1
Total - both sexes.	5		3		-		1	

Table showing incidence of Notifiable Diseases
in each Parish during year 1969.

Parish.	Measles	Whooping Cough	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis		Infective Hepatitis	Amoebic Dysentery	Total.
				Resp.	Non-Resp.			
Appleby Magna.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Bardon.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chilcote.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coleorton.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heather.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Measham.	9	3	-	-	-	1	-	13
Normanton-le-Heath.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe.	1	-	-	3	-	1	-	5
Osgathorpe.	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	8
Packington.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Ravenstone.	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	11
Snarestone.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staunton Harold.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Stretton-en-le-Field.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swannington.	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	6
Sweepstone.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Worthington.	5	-	4	-	1	2	-	12
Totals.	46	3	6	3	1	5	1	65

Table showing Incidence of Notifiable Diseases
in each month during year 1969.

Month.	Measles	Whooping Cough	Scarlet Fever	Infective Hepatitis	Amoebic Dysentery	Tuberculosis		Total.
						Resp:	Non-Resp:	
January	9	3	1	-	-	1	-	14
February	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
March	2	-	-	4	-	-	1	7
April	5	-	-	-	-	2	-	7
May	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	6
June	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	7
July	17	-	1	-	-	-	-	18
August	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
September	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
October	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Totals.	46	3	6	5	1	3	1	65

Tuberculosis.

Three cases of respiratory tuberculosis - 2 males and 1 female - were notified, as well as one case of non-respiratory tuberculosis in the 5/9 age group. One death, a male, in the 65/75 age group, occurred. Two of the respiratory cases occurred in the same family.

Infective Hepatitis.

In the course of routine enquiries one man who had been notified as suffering from this disease was found to be a blood donor, as was his wife. The Blood Transfusion Service at Sheffield was notified, and I have no doubt that appropriate action would be taken.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951.

It was found necessary to take formal action under the above Acts and to make use of the power delegated to your Medical Officer of Health to take expedited action in respect of one aged person who was living alone, was infirm and was not able to devote to herself and was not receiving from others proper care and attention. In co-operation with her own doctor the necessary medical certificates were given, a Magistrate's Order for her removal to hospital was made, and she was, in fact, removed to hospital for, in the first instance, a period not exceeding three weeks. It was expected that further formal action would be required to secure her further residence in hospital after the expiry of the three weeks, but, in the event, this was found not to be required as the patient settled down in hospital and decided to remain there of her own free will.

MEALS ON WHEELS.

14 visits were paid, involving 18 people, to determine whether meals should be provided. In some cases, those being investigated did not wish to participate, a few were thought not to qualify for the service, but, in the majority of cases, the applications were found to be in need of twice weekly meals. The members of the W.R.V.S. continue in their well-doing.

I feel that it would be wise to establish the principle, if this has not already been done, that, except in case of extreme urgency meals should not be supplied until the applications have been investigated.

ACRESFORD SEWERAGE SCHEME.

Late in the year it was thought to be necessary to draw your attention to the continued need to provide main sewerage facilities for Acresford in the parish of Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe.

Only a small number of houses - 29, in fact, plus one business premise - was proposed to be dealt with, drainage being variously to cesspools, septic tanks, a roadside drain thence to a brook, and almost half direct to the brook itself. Four houses had W.C.'s and twenty-five had pails, some of which were situated from 2 feet to 4 yards from the back doors of the houses concerned. The Trent River Board Authority had expressed concern on several occasions about the pollution of the water course and, in addition, Acresford itself is within the catchment area of a bore hole belonging to the North West Leicestershire Water Board.

The whole "set-up" seemed to be most unsatisfactory and a possible source of outbreaks of disease and I expressed the opinion that the then existing sanitary arrangements should be abolished with the minimum of delay and proper facilities provided.

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SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Rural District Council of
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1969.

New legislation during the year included the Housing Act, 1969, and comment on this is made later in the Report.

Mining subsidence continued to present its usual problems. New sewers were relaid across the cricket field off Church Street and at the bottom of Moira Road, Donisthorpe, and a new pumping station built to pump the sewage to the pumping station at the bottom of Hill Street, Donisthorpe. The new pumping station also takes sewage from part of Ashby Woulds Urban District Council. There are now three sewage pumping stations in this village. A new surface water sewer was laid in an effort to prevent flooding at the rear of the Ashby Road, Measham, Council houses.

At long last work started on the reconstruction of the Ravenstone Sewage Works, and the work of laying sewers in the village of Normanton-le-Heath was commenced; sewage from this village is to be pumped to Ravenstone. Because of mining subsidence and the layout of villages in the Rural District there will be a total of thirteen sewage pumping stations in use within the near future with more to be constructed when the Coleorton scheme is carried out.

Agreement was reached with the Trent River Board that certain small "infilling" plots in various villages could be developed despite overloading of some sewage works as it was felt the odd additional dwelling could do no harm - during the year refusals had been given for the odd house because works were overloaded, and the Council felt this was unreasonable.

The first steps were taken to provide a joint refuse tip with the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District Council during 1968, and during the year under review approaches were made to us by Coalville Urban District Council, and, as a result, it was agreed that additional land be purchased and that Coalville join in the scheme.

Particulars of water supplies to dwelling houses :

Internal Mains Water Supply.		Mains water from External standpipes.		Well water supply.	
No. of dwelling houses.	Population.	No. of dwelling houses.	Population.	No. of dwelling houses.	Population.
5,060	Est: 13,800	Est: 21	Est: 50	Est: 45	Est: 110

Number of parishes with piped water supply :

from public mains : 16 from private reservoirs : Nil.

Number of parishes without a piped supply : 1 (part) - Bardon.

Water Supply from Wells.

Number of samples taken for analysis.			
Satisfactory.		Unsatisfactory.	
Chemical.	Bacteriological.	Chemical.	Bacteriological.
Nil	1	Nil	1

The following figures were supplied by the Engineer to the North West Leicestershire Water Board :

Piped Supplies & Raw Water.		Results of Analyses.	
Bacteriological.		Chemical.	
Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
659	Nil	102	Nil.

Extensions of public water supplies :

1. (a) 1,306 yds. of 8" trunk main between Appleby Parva and Appleby Hill Water Tower.
(b) 1,091 yds. of 12" trunk main between Willesley Reservoir and Measham.
(c) 330 yards of 6" main at Talbot Lane, Thringstone.
2. Housing development :
(a) Pat Pateman & Son Ltd., Atherstone Road, Measham - 398 yds. of 4" main.
(b) David Fear (Builders) Ltd., The Lakes, Appleby Magna - 51 yds. of 4" main.
(c) F. Hart & Son, off Leicester Road, Measham - 258 yds. of 4" main.
3. Work was in progress at the year end on an additional quarter of a million gallon reservoir adjoining the existing reservoir at Willesley.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The position at the year end was as follows :

<u>Appleby Magna.</u>	Village itself sewered. Instructions given for preparation of a scheme for outlying areas.
<u>Acresford.</u>	Approval received to scheme, pumping station site agreed. Contractors invited to submit names with a view to tendering.
<u>Bardon.</u>	Scattered area - impossible to sewer.
<u>Chilcote.</u>	Discussions held with owners of farms with a view to isolating farm effluent.
<u>Coleorton.</u>	Scheme for sewerage of whole village considered and agreed by Council. To be submitted to Ministry with a request for approval.
<u>Donisthorpe.</u>	Works reconstructed. New pumping station built, new sewers and pumping main constructed following mining subsidence. Part of Ashby Woulds U.D.C. treated at these works.
<u>Heather.</u>	Works overloaded. Scheme for enlargement in course of preparation.
<u>Measham and Oakthorpe.</u>	Scheme in course of preparation for enlargement of these works.
<u>Normanton-le-Heath.</u>	Laying of sewers for new scheme in progress.
<u>Osgathorpe.</u>	Pumped to Coalville U.D.C.
<u>Packington.</u>	Scheme completed.

<u>Ravenstone.</u>	Reconstruction of works in progress.
<u>Snarestone.</u>	These works deal with effluent from Appleby Magna, Snarestone, Newton Burgoland and Swepestone, and are working to maximum capacity. A scheme for enlargement approved and Contract let.
<u>Swannington.</u>	Pumped to Coalville U.D.C.
<u>Swepestone and Newton Burgoland.</u>	Scheme completed.
<u>Worthington.</u>	Works overloaded. Outline scheme prepared for these works to include effluent from Coleorton, Newbold and part of Swannington.

Inspection of sewers and ditches and work in hand.	179
Blocked sewers.	22
Inspections of sewage works and pumping stations.	290
Ditches cleaned out.	3
Number of septic tanks/cesspools constructed during the year.	19
Number of septic tanks/cesspools abolished during the year.	2
Number of septic tanks/cesspools in the district at 31st December, 1969.	480
Sewers relaid or repaired.	6

NEW DRAINAGE AND CLOSET CONVERSIONS.

(other than work connected with Improvement Grants/
Standard Grants).

New drainage systems laid to sewer.	5
New water closets constructed to replace pan closets.	5
Pail closets abolished.	5
Visits of inspection.	12
Septic tanks provided.	4

A grant of £30. 0. Od., or half the cost, whichever is the lower, is given towards closet conversion.

Closet Accommodation.

Total number in district at 31st December, 1969 :

Privies : Nil. Pail Closets : 318 Water Closets : 4,808

COMPLAINTS.

Set out below are details of the various complaints which have been received, together with a table showing repairs and improvements carried out.

Dwellings rendered fit or defects remedied.	11
Complaints received.	69
Premises inspected.	69
Groundless complaints.	4
Revisits to work in hand.	116
Premises at which nuisances abated.	50
Informal notices served.	29
Drains relaid, repaired, trapped or ventilated or cleared, (does not include sewers).	17
Cesspools cleansed or repaired (other than routine emptying).	4
Damp walls remedied.	14
Ditches cleaned out.	2
Chimney stacks repaired.	1
Fireplaces repaired or new ones provided.	2
Plastering repaired.	22
Roofs repaired.	9
Offensive accumulations removed.	2
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed.	8
Floors repaired.	1
Doors repaired or renewed.	7
Cellar flooding abated.	1
Fly or insect nuisances.	12
Windows repaired.	23
Water closets repaired.	2
Yards repaired.	2
Noise nuisance abated.	1
Verminous premises cleared.	4
Flooding abated.	5
Hedges cut and laid.	1
Offensive smells abated.	1
Miscellaneous nuisances abated.	2

Inspections made.

Animal keeping.	23
Bakehouses.	7
Drainage works.	198
Dwelling houses.	766
Infectious Diseases.	39
Food Poisoning.	-
Food premises.	341
Refuse Collection and Disposal.	361
Rodent Control (other than those carried out by Rodent Operator).	25
Shops and Offices.	133
Slaughterhouses and meat inspection.	168
Tents, vans, sheds, etc.	35
Verminous and dirty premises.	6
Water supplies.	10
Factories and workplaces.	56
Other inspections.	858
	<u>3,026</u>

Notices.

<u>Preliminary.</u>	<u>Housing.</u>	<u>Public Health.</u>
Outstanding on 1st January, 1969.	-	10
Issued during the year.	-	29
Complied with during the year.	-	17
Outstanding on 31st December, 1969.	-	12

Statutory.

Outstanding on 1st January, 1969.	-	-
Issued during the year.	-	-
Complied with during the year.	-	-
Outstanding on 31st December, 1969.	-	-

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT,
1963.

There are four licenced premises in the district.

23 visits of inspection were carried out to ensure that the standards laid down by the Act were maintained.

CARAVAN SITES AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

As in previous years there has been little movement from the Appleby Magna site by residents, and the site remains, in all but name, a small housing site.

Charges at the site are as follows :

Daily tenancy	:	5/- per day.
Weekly tenancy	:	25/- per week.
Electricity supply in van	:	by 2/- meter.

No great difficulties were experienced in dealing with persons occupying vans in the district on unauthorised sites.

A total of 35 visits were made to caravan sites.

Total number of sites licenced : 27

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT,
1949.

The Council's Rodent Operator retired during the year and a new man appointed. The opportunity was taken to modernise the service by the provision of a van to replace the scooter previously used by the Operator.

The Operator is "loaned" to Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District Council for four afternoons every other week. During the year the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, together with the Farmers' Union and Local Authorities organised a county wide rat destruction campaign. Publicity was given, through the press, local radio and letters to all farmers. Practical demonstrations were held on farms. In our case the practical demonstration was carried out at a farm in Normanton-le-Heath.

Infestations dealt with	:	791
Inspections by Rodent Operator	:	3,164

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT,
1963.

The administration of this Act has been maintained throughout the year and some 125 inspections were made at premises which were within the scope of the Act. Breaches of the enactment and regulations were found to be of a minor character and these were taken up either verbally at the time of the visit or, if necessary, an informal notice was served.

On the 28th May, 1969, the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises (Hoists and Lifts) Regulations, 1968, came into operation, and these require that all lifts which come within the definition laid down in the Regulations have to be examined by a competent person at six monthly intervals.

Notice of one accident was returned during the year - this involved injury to one female. The accident occurred in an office and, whilst it was of a minor nature, the extent of the injury was aggravated by the fact that the person concerned suffered from arthritis.

Type of Premises.	Businesses Registered.	Inspections made.	Contraventions.	
			Found.	Remedied. Outstanding at 31.12.69.
Offices.	8	9	5	4 1
Retail Shops.	39	92	21	13 7
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses, &c.	-	-	-	-
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens, etc.	3	18	-	-
Fuel Storage Depots.	3	6	-	-
TOTAL.	53	125	26	17 8

HOUSING.

New Houses.

Houses completed during the year.	TYPE.		Average cost per house, excluding site works and land.	Weekly Rent (exclusive of rates) and heating charges.
	Prefab: Permanent.	Permanent.		
By Local Authority.	-	Block of flats (16)	2 bed: flats - £4,644 1 bed: flats - £2,322 1 bed: flats - £1,161 (The above cost figures are based on average cost per person).	£1. 16. 2. £1. 6. 8. £1. 1. 1.
Private Enterprise.	-	84	-	-
<u>Houses in course of construction at year end.</u>				
Local Authority.	-	-	-	-
Private Enterprise.	-	89	-	-

Total number of post-war houses completed by Local Authority.	...	1,019
Total number of post-war houses completed by private enterprise.	...	982
Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year.	...	146
Total number of applications for Council houses received during year.	...	179
Total number of Council houses in the district prior to 1939.	...	312
Total number of pre-war houses purchased by the Council and renovated.	...	23
Total number of occupied Council houses in the district.	...	1,354
Total number of occupied houses in the district.	...	5,126

The work of renovating and modernising the four houses in High Street, Measham, purchased from British Railways, was completed. Four good dwellings were provided with modern amenities including central heating.

New buildings, additions, extensions, improvements, etc.

New dwellings by Local Authority.	...	16
New houses by private enterprise.	...	84
New houses drained to sewer.	...	97
New houses drained to septic tanks.	...	2
New houses drained to private treatment plants.	...	1
Existing houses drained to private treatment plants.	...	1
New houses with water from public main.	...	100
Kitchens.	...	7
New houses with water closets.	...	100
Garages completed.	...	38
Bathrooms and hot water systems.	...	34
Bedrooms.	...	13
Agricultural buildings.	...	5
Offices.	...	3
Verandah, conservatories.	...	11
Livingroom.	...	1
Greenhouses.	...	2
Water treatment plant.	...	1
Laundrette.	...	1
Visits of inspection.	...	495
Visits to Council properties.	...	194

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947.

Applications for planning permission were higher than last year, 238 applications being dealt with.

BUILDING REGULATIONS.

During the year 226 applications were submitted for consideration under the Building Regulations.

LOANS FOR HOUSE PURCHASE.

45 properties were inspected during the year as a result of requests for loans in connection with house purchase, and, in the majority of cases, loans were approved. 52 visits of inspection were made.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

These grants are discretionary, Councils themselves being able to decide as a matter of policy whether to make grants or not.

It has been the Council's policy to give 50% towards the cost of work eligible for grant. Almost all of the applications are from owner/occupiers.

Number of Improvement Grant applications approved.	owner/occupied. tenanted.	11 2
Number of Conversion Grant applications approved.	owner/occupied. tenanted.	- -
Number of Improvement Grants refused.		-
Dwellings improved during the year and contributions paid by Local Authority.		3
Number of works completed.		3
Total amount Council have paid by way of grant.		£1,051. 0. 0.
Bathrooms.		3
Wash hand basins.		3
Hot water systems.		3
Sinks provided.		1
Water closets provided.		3
Drainage.		3
New windows and repairs to windows.		8
New floors.		4
Fireplaces.		3
New food stores.		3
Septic tanks provided.		3
Electricity laid on.		1
Cooking facilities.		3
Damp proof courses.		3
Roofs repaired.		3
Power points provided.		18
Caves gutters and rain water pipes.		2
External paving.		1

Walls plastered.	7
Ceilings plastered.	6
Pointing to walls.	3
Pails abolished.	3
Visits and revisits.	111

Total number of offers made since inception of scheme, (including informal offers). 401

Grants approved by Villages.

Coleorton.	4
Measham.	1
Newbold.	1
Newton Burgoland.	1
Osgathorpe.	1
Packington.	1
Staunton Harold.	2
Swannington.	2

STANDARD GRANTS.

The Standard Grant provisions of the Act have also been altered. Grant aid may be given as follows :

Fixed bath or shower.	£30
Wash hand basin.	£10
Sink.	£15
Hot and cold water supply to bath.	£45
Hot and cold water supply to wash hand basin.	£20
Hot and cold water supply to sink.	£30
Water closet.	£50

It is possible to give additional improvement grant for the bringing in of water to the dwelling for the first time; provision of a septic tank; and "building-on" under certain circumstances, subject to a maximum total of £450. Under previous legislation a food store had to be provided - this is no longer the case, but grant aid can now be given towards the provision of a sink.

Applications approved.	Owner/occupied. tenanted.	25 3
Works completed and contributions paid by Local Authority.		34
Total paid by way of grant.		£5,246. 0. 0.
Fixed baths.		26
Wash hand basins.		26
Hot and cold water supply to baths.		26
Hot and cold water supply to wash hand basins.		25
Hot water supply to kitchen sinks.		3
Internal water closets.		24
Food Stores.		15
Septic tanks.		10
Pails abolished.		10
Hot and cold water supply to kitchen sinks.		18
Visits and revisits.		164
Total number of offers made since introduction of scheme, (including informal offers).		624

Grants approved by Villages.

Coleorton.	2
Donisthorpe.	2
Heather.	1
Measham.	10
Newton Burgoland.	1
Oakthorpe.	2
Osgathorpe.	1
Ravenstone.	3
Swannington.	5
Worthington.	1

General.

A total of 292 Improvement Grants and 403 Standard Grants have now been approved to the owners of properties in the Rural District, and detailed discussions held with a further 330 owners who have been informed that grants would be recommended to the Council.

Generally speaking, we have made reasonable progress with the modernisation of privately owned dwellings. Meetings have been held with one quarter of all owners of private houses. There is, of course, still room for improvement.

The Housing Act, 1969, came into force on the 25th August, 1969. Improvement Grants are now available to cover both repair and replacement needed for the purposes of making fully effective other work of improvement carried out at the same time. The cost of works of repair and replacement are limited to half the cost of the actual improvement work. It is left, to some extent, to the discretion of Local Authorities as to what should be included under the heading "repairs", but, generally speaking, this has to be major work, odds and ends of repairs obviously cannot count. In certain exceptional circumstances it is now possible for an Authority to give grant aid even though the work has started and the Local Authority are now able to limit the time within which the work must be carried out. You have decided on a period of two years. It is now possible to give up to a total of £1,000 of grant aid, i.e. half an approved expenditure of £2,000.

Towards the end of the year it became apparent that the majority of older cottages in the district which people had been in the habit of purchasing and modernising with the aid of grants were becoming scarce and there was a tendency for improvement grant applications to be made in respect of cottages which were more or less derelict, which required partial demolition and where the "improvements" include substantial additions to the original dwelling. This presents a problem as the cost of modernisation, etc. must not approach the cost of a new house if grant aid is given.

Rents of Dwellings.

The Act introduced a new system governing the rents of privately rented dwellings. Briefly, where a landlord proposes to improve a dwelling, which has a controlled tenancy, by providing all the standard amenities, (and the dwelling is in good repair), he can apply to the Council for a qualification certificate. The Local Authority notify the tenant of the house of the landlord's application and, if they are satisfied with the proposals they issue a certificate of provisional approval. The owner then applies to the rent officer for a certificate of fair rent. The rent officer consults with the landlord and tenant before fixing this. If either the occupier or owner disagree with the decision of the rent officer the matter is referred to a rent assessment committee. Any rent increase has to be phased over five equal annual stages except that if the increase is less than 37/6d per week the rent can be increased each year by not more than 7/6d per week until it reaches the fair rent. Once a certificate of fair rent has been issued the landlord must obtain the tenant's consent, in writing, to the improvements he proposes to carry out; should the tenant refuse to give his consent the landlord can apply to the county court for an order enabling him to enter and do the work even though the tenant has not consented to them. (An order cannot be obtained if the tenant receives, or would be entitled to, rate rebate and obtains a certificate from the local Council). Once the standard amenities are actually provided the landlord forwards the certificate of fair rent to the Local Authority who then issue the necessary qualification certificate and the tenancy becomes a regulated tenancy on the date that this certificate is issued.

The landlord of a dwelling subject to a controlled tenancy already having all the standard amenities and in good repair can apply for a qualification certificate to the Council. The Council forward a copy of this application to the tenant who can object and the Council must make a decision in the matter. If a certificate is issued the tenant can appeal to the county court; if it is refused the landlord can appeal to the county court. In the event of a certificate being issued application is made by the landlord to the rent officer for the registration of a fair rent. The rent officer fixes this in consultation with the landlord and tenant and, again, if the fair rent is an increase over the original rent this has to be phased over the five equal annual stages as mentioned in paragraph 1 above. Tenancies do not become regulated until dates fixed by the Act dependent upon the rateable value of the property. In places other than London where the rateable value is £60 or more the date is 1st January, 1971; where the rateable value is £40 - £60 the date is 1st July, 1971, and where the rateable value is less than £40 it is 1st January, 1972.

SLUM CLEARANCE.

<u>Houses Demolished.</u>			
	Houses Demolished.	Displaced during year.	
		Persons.	Families.
<u>In Clearance Areas.</u>			
Houses unfit for human habitation.	-	-	-
Houses included by reason of bad arrangements, etc.	-	-	-
Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
<u>Not in Clearance Areas.</u>			
As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957.	29	6	2
Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	-	-	-
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
Unfit houses included in Unfitness Order.	-	-	-

<u>Unfit houses closed.</u>			
Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957.	1	-	-
Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-

Houses demolished for other reasons :	16
Houses lost by conversion :	1
Houses gained by conversion.	-
Number of Demolition Orders made :	2

Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner.	By Local Authority.
After informal action by Local Authority.	10	-
After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts.	1	-
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-

Visits of inspection : 67

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered for manufacture and retail.	...	Nil
Number of premises registered for manufacture only.	...	Nil
Number of premises registered for retail only.	...	70
Number of samples taken.	...	29
Results of samples :		
Grade I	22	
Grade II	7	
Grade III	-	
Grade IV	-	

Ice Cream is purchased from national manufacturers, with two exceptions - manufacturers in adjoining districts.

Milk Supply.

Dairies (other than dairy farms) and distributors (Section 8, Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949).

Number on Register	:	Dairies	1
		Distributors	1
Number of Inspections	:	Dairies	2
		Distributors	4

Biological Milk Samples taken by County Council.

Number of routine bulk samples taken	:	22
Results satisfactory	:	21
Evidence of living Brucella Abortis	:	1
Individual samples.	:	17

Three cows were identified as giving infected milk and were removed from the herd and slaughtered.

Bacteriological Milk Samples taken by Council Council.

Untreated milk samples.	:	22
Satisfactory.	:	19
Failed Methylene Blue Test.	:	3

Meat and Other Foods.

Number of licensed slaughterhouses in area	:	2
Number of animals slaughtered therein	:	1,014
Number of animals examined therein	:	1,014
Number of animals inspected at time of slaughter	:	420
Number of Knackers yards in area	:	1
Number of visits to Knackers yard	:	12
Number of visits to slaughterhouses	:	168
Number of visits to butchers' shops	:	21

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Food Premises in Categories.	Premises which comply with Regulation 16.	Premises which will comply with Regulation 19.
Number of licenced premises..... 47	47	47
Number of Cafes, restaurants, &c. 5	5	5
Number of General Stores..... 44	44	43
Number of Works Canteens..... 5	5	5
Number of Butchers' Shops..... 5	5	5
Number of School Canteens..... 16	16	16
Number of Off-licenced Shops..... 6	6	6
Number of Fish and Chip Shops.... 3	3	3
Number of Greengrocers' Shops.... 2	2	2

Work in connection with the inspection of food premises continued during the year.

Number of premises inspected	:	133
Number of inspections made for the purpose	:	303
Number of informal notices served	:	35
Number of informal notices complied with	:	22
Number of informal notices outstanding at 31st December, 1969	:	20
Number of premises modernised	:	1
Number where hot water supply laid on	:	1
Number of premises cleaned and redecorated	:	6
Number of shops closed (voluntary)	:	1

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960.

Regular visits were made to the food premises in the district throughout the year. The object of these visits was to ensure compliance with the requirements of the above Regulations and to attain and maintain sound food hygiene practices. In an effort to ensure that a high standard is kept at all times a Code of Food Hygiene for each type of premises, e.g. grocery shops, public houses, etc. was drawn up and, together with an introductory letter, was sent to the occupiers of all food premises in the district.

Generally speaking, minor indiscretions are dealt with verbally at the time of the inspection, but where it was felt that stronger action was required informal notices were sent.

THE MEAT (STERILISATION) REGULATIONS, 1969.

For some considerable time it has been felt in various quarters that steps should be taken to improve the control of the movement of condemned meat from slaughterhouses and meat from Knacker's yards. The above Regulations came into operation on November 1st, 1969, with this in mind and made it obligatory for the meat to be either sterilised before leaving the slaughterhouse or Knacker's yard or to be transported in proper vehicles to a place where it could be properly processed.

Arrangements have been made with the owners of the two slaughterhouses and the Knacker's yard in this district to comply with the Regulations and provision for a record of the movement of such meat to be kept by them.

MEAT INSPECTION - CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

There has been an increase in the number of animals slaughtered in the district over the previous year. All meat is inspected before it is released for sale and additional visits are made to ensure that the slaughterhouses comply with the standards set out in the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958, and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958. Periodical visits are also made by a Veterinary Officer from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed.	312	-	-	696	6
Number inspected.	312	-	-	696	6
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned.	68	-	-	34	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	21.79%	-	-	4.88%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>					
Carcasses of which some part of organ condemned.	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and total condemned.	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act

Inspections for purposes of provision as to Health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

	<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>No. of Inspections.</u>	<u>Written Notices.</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	2	-
(ii) Factories in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	35	38	6
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	9	16	-
	<u>45</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>6</u>

No. of cases in which
defects were found.

	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector.</u>
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	8	7	-
Other Offences.	1	1	-

Part VIII of the Act.

Outworkers (Sections 110 and 111)	<u>Number of Outworkers in August list required by Section 111 (1) (c).</u>
Wearing apparel making, etc.	18

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Tipping of refuse has continued in the old railway cutting off Stoney Lane, Coleorton, and in the canal bed at Measham. No house refuse has been tipped at the Donisthorpe tip during the year.

The Council purchased 37.5 acres of land at Lount to provide a tip for the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District Council and ourselves. Coalville Urban District Council, who are experiencing difficulty in finding a suitable tip, asked whether they could come in on the Lount scheme, and, following negotiations between the three Authorities, this was agreed to. Negotiations were entered into with the owner for the purchase of an additional 17.5 acres of land and at the year end a price had been agreed. It is anticipated that the tip will have a life of at least 10/15 years for the three Authorities. Arrangements have been made for demonstrations of various types of mechanical equipment for use on the tip.

At the year end consideration was given to Work Study for the refuse collection service.

PETROLEUM.

Visits were made in respect of all new installations; excavations for tanks inspected; the tanks, pipes lines, etc. inspected and tested before a licence to use was issued.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

19 visits of inspection were made. There had been the usual minor damage throughout the year, especially during the darker evenings.

STREET LIGHTING.

The County Council, who are now responsible for lighting systems on new housing developments, have also taken over the systems set out in the following table; we are responsible for all other lighting.

Village.	Street/Road.	No: of lights taken over.
Measham.	Leicester Road.	10
	Bosworth Road.	11
	Peggs Close.	3
	Navigation Street.	2
	Wilkes Avenue.	13
	Atherstone Road.	14
	Mease Close.	4
	Cophill Close.	1
	Burton Road.	10
	New Street.	8
Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe.	Footpath - Leicester Road and Bosworth Road.	1
	Measham Road (Oakthorpe).	17
	Stretton View.	6
	Ramscliff Avenue.	10
	Greenside Close.	4
	Ashby Road.	9
Worthington.	Moir Road.	8
	St. Matthews Avenue.	10
Swannington.	A.447	58
Ravenstone.	Ibstock Road/Wash Lane.	16
	Swannington Road.	7
Packington.	Normanton Road.	10
	Coleorton Lane.	1
	Nethercroft Drive.	2

The fact that there are two different lighting authorities in the majority of our villages leads to some confusion in connection with maintenance and responsibility. It would obviously be much better, administratively and from a practical point of view, if one authority was responsible for all lights in our district, and you have decided that we look further into the possibility of improving the lighting systems where necessary with a view to the County Council taking over completely.

I wish to again express my thanks to you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Council, for the consideration you have shown to myself and my staff during the year under review.

I also wish to thank the Clerk of the Council, Dr. Hamilton, the Accountant and Housing Manager for help and advice, and the members of my own staff for their support and conscientious work during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C.S. CURTIS.

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